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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6413

BILL NUMBER: SB 202

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 13, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Petitions to Modify Custody and Visitation.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bray

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that if a person files a petition to establish or modify a guardianship, visitation, or child custody, the person shall state in a verified petition whether the person has been the subject of a Department of Child Services (DCS) investigation, whether the child has been the subject of a DCS investigation, or if the child has been determined to be a child in need of services.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Department of Child Services Interim Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will increase the workload of the DCS to provide information to courts in cases where a petition is filed to establish or modify a guardianship of a child who formerly was a CHINS. The DCS reports the increase in workload could require additional support staff, however any increase in staff that may be necessary to fulfill the provisions of this bill is currently indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

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